## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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A method for calibrating a scanner being coupled to a host computer, the method comprising:

retrieving operational data from a memory element of the host computer; evaluating the retrieved data for degradation in the operation of the scanner; and calibrating the scanner to overcome the degradations.

- The method of Claim 1, wherein the operational data includes information 2. obtained from previous scans and calibrations.
- The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of evaluating the retrieved data further 3. includes calculating the percentage of change between past and present operational data.
- The method of Claim 3, wherein the calculated percentage initiates the step of 4. calibrating based on an average value of an operational condition being calibrated.
  - The method of Claim 3, wherein the calculated percentage initiates the step of 5. calibrating the scanner according to a predetermined value contained on a calibration

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